

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An information processing apparatus which checks out a content to an external device connected thereto or checks in the content from an external device connected thereto, the apparatus comprising:

a title display means for displaying a title corresponding to the content;

a content checkout setting means for simultaneously setting a first plurality of selected contents to be checked out to the external device prior to checking out the first plurality of selected contents; [[and]]

a checkout means for simultaneously checking out the first plurality of contents set by the content checkout setting means; and

a number of checkouts display means for displaying a number of possible checkouts for ~~the content~~ at least one content from the first plurality of contents, wherein the number of possible checkouts represents a number that is incremented by one when the at least one content from the first plurality of selected contents is checked back into the apparatus.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the number of checkouts display means displays a number of possible checkouts for the at least one content from the first plurality of selected contents by a predetermined symbol.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising:

a display controlling means for changing, when the content checkout setting means has set the at least one content from the first plurality of selected contents which is to be checked out, the existing number of possible checkouts to a one for the at least one content

from the first plurality of selected contents set by the content checkout setting means and displaying the new number;~~and~~

~~a checkout means for checking out the content set by the content checkout setting means to an external device connected to the apparatus.~~

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising:

a content check-in setting means for simultaneously setting a second plurality of selected contents to be checked in from the external device prior to checking in the second plurality of contents;

~~a checkout or check-in means for~~ simultaneously checking out or in the content second plurality of contents set by the content ~~checkout check-in~~ setting means ~~to the connected external device to or from the connected external device,~~ the check-in means operated concurrently with the checkout means; and

a display controlling means for changing, when the ~~checkout or~~ check-in means has checked ~~out the~~ in at least one content from the second plurality of selected contents, the existing number of possible checkouts corresponding to the at least one content from the second plurality of contents checked ~~[[out]] in~~ by the ~~checkout or~~ check-in means and displaying the new number of possible checkouts.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the display controlling means changes the existing number of possible checkouts to a one for the at least one content from the second plurality of contents checked in by the ~~checkout or~~ check-in means.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the number of checkouts display means displays a number of possible checkouts for the at least one content from the first plurality of selected contents by a predetermined musical-note.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the number of checkouts display means displays a number of possible checkouts for the at least one content from the first plurality of selected contents by a predetermined number of symbols.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): An information processing method for checking out or in a content to or from an external device connected to an information processor ~~in which the said method is adopted~~, comprising:

displaying a title corresponding to the content;

simultaneously setting a first plurality of selected contents to be checked out to the external device prior to checking out the first plurality of selected contents; [[and]]

simultaneously checking out the first plurality of selected contents set in the setting the first plurality of selected contents; and

displaying a number of possible checkouts for [[the]] at least one content from the first plurality of selected contents, wherein the number of possible checkouts represents a number that is incremented by one when the at least one content from the first plurality of selected contents is checked back into the apparatus.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 8, wherein the displaying a number of possible checkouts step displays the number of possible checkouts by a predetermined symbol.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 8, wherein the displaying a number of possible checkouts step displays the number of possible checkouts by a predetermined number of symbols.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): The method according to claim 8, further comprising:

changing, when the at least one content from the first plurality of selected contents which is to be checked out has been set at the setting step, the existing number of possible checkouts to a one for the at least one content from the first plurality of selected contents set at the setting step and displaying the new number; and

~~checking out the content set at the setting step to an external device connected to the information processor.~~

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): The method according to claim 8, further comprising:

simultaneously setting a second plurality of selected contents to be checked in from the external device prior to checking in the second plurality of selected contents;

simultaneously checking out or in the content second plurality of selected contents set [[at]] in the setting step to or from an external device connected to the information processor the second plurality of selected contents, the checking in performed concurrently with the checking out;

changing, when [[the]] at least one content from the second plurality of selected contents has been checked out at the content checkout or check-in in at the checking in step,

the existing number of possible checkouts and displaying the new number of possible checkouts.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): The method according to claim 12, wherein ~~at the display-controlling step~~, the number of possible checkouts is changed for the at least one content from the second plurality of selected contents having been checked in at the ~~checkout or check-in-checking in~~ step.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 8, wherein at the number of checkouts displaying step, a number of possible checkouts is displayed by a predetermined musical-note.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): A program storage medium having stored therein an information processing program adopted in an information processor which checks out or in a content to or from an external device connected thereto, the program comprising steps of:

displaying a title corresponding to a content;

simultaneously setting a first plurality of selected contents to be checked out to the external device prior to checking out the first plurality of selected contents; [[and]]

simultaneously checking out the first plurality of selected contents set in the setting the first plurality of selected contents; and

displaying a number of possible checkouts ~~by a predetermined symbol for~~ at least one content from the first plurality of contents, wherein the number of possible checkouts represents a number that is incremented by one when [[the]] at least one content from the first plurality of selected contents is checked back into the apparatus.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): The program storage medium according to claim 15, having stored therein a computer-readable program, wherein at the number of checkouts displaying step, a number of possible checkouts for the at least one content from the first plurality of selected contents is displayed by a predetermined symbol.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): The program storage medium according to claim 15, having stored therein a computer-readable program, the program further comprising:

changing, when the at least one content from the first plurality of selected contents which is to be checked out has been set at the setting step, the number of possible checkouts for the at least one content from the first plurality of selected contents set at the setting step and displaying the new number of possible checkouts; ~~and~~

~~checking out the content to the connected external device based on the setting made at the setting step.~~

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): The program storage medium according to claim 15, having stored therein a computer-readable program, the program further comprising:

simultaneously setting a second plurality of selected contents to be checked in from the external device prior to checking in the second plurality of selected contents;

simultaneously checking out or in the content second plurality of selected contents set [[at]] in the setting step to or from an external device connected to the information processor
the second plurality of selected contents, the checking in performed concurrently with the checking out; and

changing the number of possible checkouts for the at least one content from the first plurality of selected contents when the at least one content from the second plurality of selected contents has been checked ~~[[out]] in~~ at the checking ~~out or in~~ step.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): The program storage medium according to claim 18, having stored therein a computer-readable program, wherein ~~at the display controlling step,~~ the number of possible checkouts is changed for the at least one content from the second plurality of selected contents having been checked ~~[[out]]~~ in at the checking ~~out or~~ in step.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): The program storage medium according to claim 15, having stored therein a computer-readable program, wherein at the step of displaying the number of checkouts, a number of possible checkouts is displayed by a predetermined musical-note.

Claim 21 (Original): The program storage medium according to claim 15, having stored therein a computer-readable program, wherein at the step of displaying the number of checkouts, a number of possible checkouts is displayed by a predetermined number of symbols.

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): An information processor apparatus which checks out a content to an external device connected thereto or checks in the content from an external device connected thereto, the apparatus comprising:

a display device configured to display a title corresponding to the content and a number of possible checkouts for the content; ~~[[and]]~~

a content checkout setting device configured to simultaneously set a first plurality of selected contents to be checked out to the external device prior to checking out the first plurality of selected contents~~[[,]]; and~~

a content checkout device configured to simultaneously check out the first plurality of selected contents set by the content checkout setting device;

wherein the number of possible checkouts represents a number that is incremented by one when ~~[[the]]~~ at least one content from the first plurality of selected contents is checked back into the apparatus.

Claim 23 (Currently Amended): The apparatus according to claim 22, wherein the display device displays a number of possible checkouts for the at least one content from the first plurality of selected contents by a predetermined symbol.

Claim 24 (Currently Amended): The apparatus according to claim 23, further comprising:

a display changing unit configured to change, when the content checkout setting device has set the at least one content from the first plurality of selected contents which is to be checked out, the existing number of possible checkouts to a one for the at least one content from the first plurality of selected contents set by the content checkout setting device and displaying the new number;~~and~~

~~a checkout unit configured to checkout the content set by the content checkout setting device to an external device connected to the apparatus.~~

Claim 25 (Currently Amended): The apparatus according to claim 23, further comprising:

a check-in setting device configured to simultaneously set a second plurality of selected contents to be checked in from the external device prior to checking in the second plurality of selected contents;

a ~~checkout or~~ check-in ~~unit~~ device configured to ~~checkout or simultaneously~~ check-in the ~~content~~ second plurality of selected contents set by the content ~~checkout~~ check-in setting device to ~~the connected external device or to or from the connected external device,~~ the check-in device operated concurrently with the checkout device; and

a display controlling unit configured to change, when ~~the checkout or~~ check-in ~~unit~~ device has checked ~~[[out]]~~ in the content, the existing number of possible checkouts corresponding to ~~[[the]]~~ at least one content from the second plurality of selected contents checked ~~[[out]]~~ in by the ~~checkout or~~ check-in ~~unit~~ device and display the new number of possible checkouts.

Claim 26 (Currently Amended): The apparatus according to claim 25, wherein the display controlling unit is further configured to change the existing number of possible checkouts to a one for the at least one content from the second plurality of selected contents checked in by the ~~checkout or~~ check-in ~~unit~~ device.

Claim 27 (Currently Amended): The apparatus according to claim 23, wherein the display unit is further configured to display a number of possible checkouts for the at least one content from the second plurality of selected contents by a predetermined musical-note.

Claim 28 (Currently Amended): The apparatus according to claim 22, wherein the display unit is further configured to display a number of possible checkouts for the at least one content from the second plurality of selected contents by a predetermined number of symbols.